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## PRESIDING BISHOP LIFTS HISPANIC MINISTRIES

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NEW YORK -- Presiding Bishop John M. Allin has asked Episcopalians to use the first week of Advent as a time of "Prayer and Concern for Hispanic Vocations" as the Church continues an effort to recruit, train and support ordained and lay ministries among Spanish-speaking people in the States.

Conceived by the National Commission on Hispanic Ministries and authorized by the Executive Council, the Week of Prayer and Concern is intended to answer the conviction of the 1979 General Convention that the Church "must recognize and respond to this opportunity for mission."

In his letter introducing the brochure, Allin lays out the challenge: "One vital and pressing opportunity for ministry facing Episcopalians is the presence of Hispanic peoples in every state of the Union and every diocese of the Church. These folk, who have come to our nation from Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe, are making rich cultural contributions to our common life.

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"Demographers estimate that by the end of this century Hispanics will constitute the largest single ethnic group within the American population.

"The Hispanic presence among us represents a great domestic mission opportunity for parishes and dioceses, especially those in urban areas. To help carry on the tasks of congregational development and other pastoral work, our Church has a vital and urgent need for bilingual and bicultural clergy of Hispanic and other backgrounds."

The remainder of the brochure, which has been mailed to all parishes, contains descriptions of seminary programs for Hispanic ministry, biographies of leaders in the field, a special collect and suggestions for a worship service focusing on the issue.

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TWO BISHOPS SUFFRAGAN  
CONSECRATED IN CONNECTICUT

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HARTFORD, Conn. -- In an unusual event for the Episcopal Church, two men were consecrated at the same time as bishops suffragan for the Diocese of Connecticut, in a service in the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Joseph here, Oct. 23.

Both men, the Rt. Rev. Clarence N. Coleridge and the Rt. Rev. Bradford Hastings, were elected on the same day, at a Special Convention in May, another first in the Episcopal Church.

At the time of their election, Coleridge was rector of St. Mark's Church, Bridgeport, and Hastings was rector of Christ Church, Greenwich.

In order to provide a greater degree of pastoral support and to make them more immediately accessible to congregations, the new bishops will be assigned different geographical areas for oversight.

Coleridge will be responsible for the western third of the state, containing approximately half the congregations and people, and will operate out of Trumbull. Hastings will cover the other half of the congregations in the eastern two-thirds of the state, with an office in Portland.

The consecration was held at St. Joseph's Cathedral, which has more than double the seating capacity of the Episcopal Cathedral, through the cooperation of the Most Rev. John F. Whealon, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Chief Consecrator for the service was the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. John M. Allin. The Co-Consecrators were: the Rt. Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley, Bishop of Connecticut; the Rt. Rev. Frederick C. Darwent, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, Scotland, the Rt. Rev. Frederick B. Wolf, Bishop of Maine; and the Rt. Rev. Morgan Porteus, Bishop of Connecticut, Retired.



While the double consecration was a first within a diocese of the United States, it was the second for the Episcopal Church in recent years. Two suffragan bishops in the Diocese of Central and South Mexico -- the Rt. Rev. Roberto Martinez-Resendiz and the Rt. Rev. Claro Huerta-Ramos -- were consecrated together in March of 1980. They were elected at separate sessions of Convention.

The Diocese of Connecticut dates its life from 1784 when Darwent's predecessor as Bishop of Orkney was the chief consecrator for Samuel Seabury, first bishop of the Episcopal Church. The diocese now has 107,000 members in 186 congregations served by 350 clergy.

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LEADERS RESPOND TO  
FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS

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(Note: Adapted from report in The Tennessee Churchman)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Episcopalians here were instrumental in a city-wide conference of religious leaders that is viewed as the first practical step in shoring up social services threatened by federal budget cuts.

The Rev. Edward Landers, director of the Diocese of Tennessee Urban and Regional Ministries program, coordinated the Food, Clothing and Shelter workshop that brought together 220 of the city's religious, governmental and social program leaders. The project began with an in-depth review of actual budget cut effects and moved quickly to proposals for effective Church response.

As one minister put it, "The church has been off the hook too long." Another described the unified effort as "an opportunity for us as churches to be doing what we should have been doing all along." He meant helping people, and filling gaps where government and other private sector help falls short.

Representatives from Mayor Richard Fulton's office had issued a proclamation calling attention to the event and the crisis it highlights.

Workshop moderator Phil Davidson, Jr., of Christ Episcopal Church assured participants that their ideas would not be dropped, but would be vigorously pursued in the months ahead.

Keynoter Edward F. Jones of Christ Church, executive director of Nashville's Chamber of Commerce, urged, "We must give our full, personal participation and insist that our churches commit themselves." He noted that if each of Nashville's 700 places of worship made a monthly donation of \$100 to social services, the result would be a hefty \$70,000 every four weeks. "Social problems do not go away," he added, quoting the farmer who said "' The worst thing about milking a cow is that it doesn't stay milked'"



"I would like the church to be more sensitive to its role in developing the quality of life in the community," Launders said.

Nashville, second largest city in the state, is best known as the nation's "country-music" capital, but it also supports a variety of manufacturing and service industries. The city suffered some population loss over the 1970s but also had seen a modest decline in the number of welfare recipients before the 1980 election.

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#### PENSIEVES

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by the Ven. Erwin M. Soukup

Editor of Advance, Diocese of Chicago

Note: The following items are for use by diocesan editors as fillers or commentary on the Church scene. They may be used in part or in total. All that is asked is that a tag line be used: Pensieves, Chicago.

The Federation Nationale de Football, ruling body of soccer world-wide, has issued a ban on players engaging in the "unmanly behavior" of hugging and kissing each other after scoring a goal. Heaven forbid that Federation officers find themselves in a parish on a Sunday morning where there is an exuberant passing of The Peace.

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This office just received an envelope from the office of Senator Edward Kennedy on which the Postal Service had stamped, "Return to Sender." Another Postal official had then stamped, "Attempted--not Known." Perhaps Senator Kennedy should try for an appointment to the Senate Postal Committee. He might become known.

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Our assistant has been perusing The Book of Sports, 1618. In it she found "...Our express pleasure therefore is, that the laws of our kingdom and canons of our Church...that no lawful recreation shall be barred to our good people...for dancing, either men or women, archery for men, leaping, vaulting, nor from having May games, Whitsun ales, and that women shall have leave to carry rushes to church for the decorating of it...but withal we do here account as prohibited all unlawful games to be used on Sundays only, as bear- and bull-baiting, interludes, and at all times the meaner sort of people by law prohibited..." She observes that this might be what our laws might look like if Jerry Falwell of the Moral Majority decided to become the Howard Cosell of religion.

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And we found the following ad recently. It offers, would you believe, "The Twelve Days of Christmas"! For only \$50,000 we are promised Four Calling Birds, Five Golden Rings, Six Geese a-Laying, Seven Swans a-Swimming and Nine Ladies Dancing.

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The ad declares, "Imagine the thrill on the day when the lawn will be filled with ten Leaping Lords...and on the next day, eleven Pipers Piping!" After listing the phone number to call, the ad concludes, "...ask for Lord Leap, Lady Dance or Maid Milk." Yawn.

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CHRISTMAS-EPIPHANY MESSAGE

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The Rt. Rev. John M. Allin  
Presiding Bishop

Ebenezer Scrooge is quite possibly the most unpopular person in all the literature that has been inspired by the Christmas-Epiphany Season!

People who tend to bring up unpopular things or who seem to short-change the revelry and happiness of these holidays are sometimes called Scrooges.

Dear friends in Christ, I must run the risk of seeming to be a Scrooge-type this Christmastide, because my message for you is a reminder of suffering and hunger and despair rather than joy and felicity.

I must remind you of the millions of people who are starving from physical hunger throughout the world -- many while we are celebrating this holiday time.

That's my Scrooge-like word.

The Christ-like word is that you and I have an opportunity to do something to help. I ask every Episcopalian to contribute during this Christmas-Epiphany Season to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, with each contribution designated for the relief of world hunger. If you happen to miss the opportunity to do this in your own congregation, you can mail your contribution directly to us at Episcopal Church Center 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Scrooge, you will recall, got the word -- eventually -- that to celebrate Christmas is to share goodness. He experienced change -- and new life.

Be a giver this Christmas to share life more widely, the life God gives to us through the gift of his Son.

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PICTURE CAPTIONS

Reagans Join Sadat Memorial Rite

#81286 President and Mrs. Reagan join worshippers at the Washington Cathedral at an interfaith service memorializing the assassinated President of Egypt, Anwar Sadat, the day after the murder took place. Washington's Bishop John T. Walker presided at the service attended by members of many faiths, diplomatic and government representatives from throughout the world. With the president and first lady are Secretary of State and Mrs. Alexander Haig and presidential aids Michael Deaver and James A. Baker, III. (PHOTO BROFFMAN).

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